Canadian Provinces

Saskatchewan

BORING FOR POTASH AT RALPH.

Boring operations for potash at Ralph, Sask., which have been conducted for some time past by the Saskatchewan Exploration and Development Co. Ltd. have been suspended until next spring.

The company has been at work for the past fourteen months sinking a shaft to a tepth of 1717 feet. A case with a two inch core has been inserted to a depth of 169 feet, the total expenditure to date being in the neighborhood of $50,000. They are unable to proceed further with the machinery in use and the purchase of new machinery will be necessiated before the work can be continued.

On account of the war the company has so far been unable to procure the particular type of diamond drill required for further boring, but now that the war is over it is anticipated that these requirements can soon be met and there is every prospect that they will be able to resume boring operations in the spring.

The company consists of three men: Sir Frank W. Baillie, president; W. F. Morgan Dean, vice-president, and F. Khun, of New York. The company's headquarters are in Toronto.

FIVE OUT OF FIVE ARE ELECTED.

Alderman R. J. Moore, of Saskatoon, has just received word that of the five members of the Typographical Union who ran for municipal honors at the recent elections, five were elected. In addition a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Typographical Union was elected. Following is the list:

Winnipeg—W. B. Simpson (alderman).

Saskatoon—R. J. Moore (alderman, two-year term).

Moose Jaw—J. Clarke (school board, public and collegiate).

Calgary—F. J. White (alderman).

Calgary—Mrs. S. G. Corse, Woman's Auxiliary of Typographical Union (school board).

Medicine Hat—W. B. Bellamy (school board, re-elected).

NO CONVENTION RATES FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Arrangements have now been completed in connection with the convention of the Saskatchewan School Trustees' association, which will be held in the city of Regina, on January 22 and 23. The president, James F. Bryant, interviewed, said that it was impossible to secure convention rates from the railways this year. Application was made by the association to the Canadian Pacific railway, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern railway for special convention rates. A joint letter has been received signed by the general passenger agents of each of the three lines advising that all convention fares have been suspended and are not being extended for meetings of any organization no matter how worthy the object may be.

In view of the fact that there will be no convention rates on the railways every delegate is urged to purchase a regular return ticket, getting, at the same time from the railway agent, a receipt for the amount paid by him. This receipt should be presented with the credentials at the convention office when the delegate registers. If travelling over more than one railway receipts should be secured for each ticket purchased—all tickets should be return tickets. Mr. Bryant urged the securing of railway receipts in the hope that the convention may see fit to pool the railway fares so that each delegate will have to pay the same amount for his ticket.

The indications now point to the fact that the convention will break all records in point of numbers. Each of the 4,157 school districts of Saskatchewan will be entitled to one delegate. In addition some of the districts are writing in and advising that they intend to send two delegates. One delegate will be the official delegate and have the right to vote. In view of the importance of the matters to be discussed and the able speakers who are being brought to the convention many districts will be represented by more than one trustee, but only the official trustee will have the right to vote, or a voice in the proceedings. The other trustee, however, will be made welcome and ample accommodation will be provided for all.

The official delegate must be chosen at the annual meeting of the school district. Proposed amendments of the constitution and resolutions should be forwarded to the secretary, Mr. J. H. Cunningham, at Regina, not later than January 10.

REFUTES STORY OF PROFITEERING BY FARMERS

Saskatoon, Sask. — Ukrainian delegates from all parts of Canada gathered here on December 26 for the third educational convention. W. W. Swanson, professor of economics at the University of Saskatchewan, gave the only address in English, dealing with the subject of economic and social conditions of agriculture after the war. The speaker emphasized very strongly the importance of raising the standards of living to make cultural and social progress possible. He spoke at some length of the standard of living being very low in the countries from which the Ukrainians had emigrated and compared it with the much higher standard in Canada.

Professor Swanson declared that the farmers are not profiteers. The higher prices paid for wheat and other farm products during the past few years had been offset in large part by the rise in general prices.

PAID DEARLY FOR TWO BOTTLES

Harry L. White and Curtis R. Scott, of Laura, Sask., paid dearly for transporting a couple of bottles of liquor on a train between Delisle and Laura, on Dec. 24. The total of fines levied over the incident was $301 besides the costs which were also rather heavy.

White and Curtis were on the train and were spotted by Constables Taylor and Kunkle, of the detective division, provincial police. The officers saw a couple of bottles of liquor and placed the two men under arrest. When the party stepped from the train, White seeing one of the officers go back into the train to get his hand grip, started a row with Constable Taylor. The two arrested men were soon handcuffed and afterwards brought before a Justice of the Peace. Scott was fined $200 and costs for transporting liquor and $1 for assault, while White had to pay $100 and costs for assisting Curtis in an attempt to get away from his captor.

J. A. MAHARG, M.P., LEAVES FOR FRANCE

J. A. Maharg, of Moose Jaw, M.P. for Maple Creek, president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, president of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., a former president of the Canadian council of agriculture, and one of the leading agriculturalists of the Dominion of Canada, left Moose Jaw Wednesday for England, having been chosen by the Canadian council of agriculture to represent Canadian farmers at the forthcoming Peace Conference, taking the place of President Woods, who finds it impossible to cross the Atlantic at this time.

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GIRL KILLED ON SLIDE

Winnipeg. — Mary McMaster, eleven years old, was accidentally killed on a slide on December 26. The child was using a board as a toboggan and while sliding down a steep incline to the river her improvised sled struck a protruding pile in the bank and she was thrown with great force against the obstacle, receiving injuries which proved fatal.

BIG ELEVATOR BURNED

Winnipeg. — On Christmas day a loss of $450,000 was sustained in the destruction of Woodward and company's big elevator, near Portage La Prairie. It had a capacity of 165,000 bushels, and was almost filled. The loss is covered by insurance. Sixteen freight cars, nine of them filled with grain, were burned.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Winnipeg. — The fourth and possibly the final session of the thirteenth legislature of Manitoba will assemble on January 23, according to a decision arrived at by the government.

EPIDEMIC STILL CLAIMS VICTIMS

Winnipeg. — Twelve deaths and 153 new cases of Spanish influenza were reported to the local health officials on December 25 and 26.

NEWS FROM STEINBACH AND DISTRICT

We have to make the sad announcement of the death of Mrs. Fred Acres of Giroux. The deceased went to St. Pierre, to attend to her sick sister Mrs. Peter Unger and there got sick herself, and died at 1 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, Dec. 19. Her remains were brought to Giroux the same day. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and child.

Mr. Klaas R. Penner who lived on the Farm previously owned by the Mooneys famly died of pneumonia resulting from the flu at 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday the 19th after a sickness of 13 days. Mrs. Penner is very sick also. The deceased was buried in the old cemetery at Blumenort on Dec. 21.

Further victims of the "flu" are: Helene Braun, daughter of Jacob F. Braun, Gruenthal, aged 34.

Mrs. Margaretha Funk, Gruenthal, aged 28 years, leaves husband and two children; one child died later.

Mrs. Gerhard Klaasen, Bergfeld, aged 39 years.

Abraham H. Falk, son of Jacob Falk, Gruenthal, aged 29 years.

Aganetha Funk, daughter of Jacob T. Funk, Gruenthal, aged 20 years.

Johann Toews, son of Peter F. Toews Gruenthal, aged 12 years.

David Hiebert of Burwalde, aged 26 years, leaves a wife and two children.

A daughter of Jacob K. Klassen, Gruenthal.

The normal School at Gretna has been closed on account of the flu epidemic but will be reopened on January 2.

Eastern Provinces

SUFFOCATED BY GAS

Montreal, Que. — Mrs. Alphonse Robert, 36 years of age, of 82 Bouville street, was found dead in bed a few days ago, and Miss Blanche Gauthier, 28 years of age, of the same address, was found suffering from the effects of gas. The keys of the gas stove in the kitchen were found open.

BAD MAN ARRESTED AFTER LONG CHASE

Toronto, Ont. — Following a struggle with a bank messenger and a chase that lasted for over two blocks, William Smith, who gave a wrong address to the police, was arrested, charged with assault, attempted robbery and with carrying firearms.

Wearing a mask over his eyes and carrying a long rope with a noose made in it, and a loaded 32 calibre revolver in his pocket, Smith attacked a messenger for the Bank of Montreal branch office at Queen and Yonge streets, and after assaulting him, attempted to escape.

MAY CALL PARLIAMENT IN MID-FEBRUARY

Ottawa, Ont. — Parliament will be called, it is expected, for the second week of February. Although the cabinet has not yet decided on a definite day for the opening, arrangements are being made with the middle of February in view. It was at first expected that the session would open about the second week of January, such a course was, however, found to be impracticable.

For the last few weeks, there have been practically daily sittings of the cabinet council with preparatory work under consideration.

RAILWAY DEFICIT OF EIGHT MILLIONS

Ottawa, Ont. — A report has been made to the Canadian government that before the Canadian Northern railway, which recently was acquired as government property, can be put into adequate operation, an expenditure of $35,000,000 must be made for tracks, bridges and roadbed, it was announced. An operating deficit of $8,000,000 on Canadian government railways during the last year would be announced soon, it was stated.

HUNDRED CASES OF FLU IN ONE ORPHANAGE

Toronto, Ont. — About one hundred cases of influenza have developed in the Sacred Heart orphanage. The cases are entirely among the children, none of the nurses having the disease.

The cause of the outbreak is attributed to the slackening of the rigid regulations enforced during October and November, regarding the admittance of visitors. When the first outbreak was considered over the precautions taken were not strict.

VICTIMS OF FIRE IN RAILWAY COACH

Belleville, Ont. — Patrick and John Donovan have arrived at Roblin with the bodies of their two sisters, Susan and Sarah Donovan, who had been teaching in the vicinity of Regina and were on the ill-fated sleeper which was destroyed by fire December 16, near Bonheur station. They had been for nearly a week among the unidentified bodies.

WASHING HANDS IS NECESSARY

Toronto, Ont.—With the granting of 47½ cents an hour and ten minutes a day to wash their hands, a two-day strike of seventy painters, who were employed by a contractor on the military hospital at North Rosedale, was ended. The men had been receiving 45 cents an hour and asked for 50 cents. They wanted time to wash their hands to remove danger of lead poisoning.

LEAVE SIBERIA SOON

Ottawa, Ont. — So far as official advices are concerned, the Dominion government is without intimation of any change in allied plans which will affect the status of the Canadian forces in Siberia. It is expected, however, that the stay of the force in Siberia will not exceed in time, demobilization of the Canadian corps now on the Rhine.

S.S. CORINTHIAN ASHORE

Halifax, N.S.—Wrecking steamers returning to Yarmouth report the Corinthian ashore on Brier Island, to be settled fast, they predict that with the westerly gale now forecasted she will go to pieces and disappear. Most of the cargo between decks has been salved but that in the lower holds cannot be recovered.

ALBERTA

GOOD DEMAND IN EUROPE FOR HORSE MEAT FROM HERE

Old Dobbin will not have outlived his value today when too old or crippled to be hitched to the sleigh or the wagon. As a result of a campaign inaugurated by George Hoadley, M.L.A., of Alberta, a market has been opened in Europe for horse meat from this country, and misfit horses which are valueless for either farm, road or saddle work are now worth 5 cents per pound f.o.b., at country points, to be shipped to France and Belgium.

It is stipulated that these horses should be free from disease and in fair condition. E. L. Richardson, of the Alberta Horse Breeders' association, Calgary, is at the head of the movement and will take up the work in this province, as it is declared that there is an enormous demand for horse flesh, and a very great scarcity of horses.

Several horse meat markets were opened in the United States during the war and reported good business, especially where there was a large foreign population accustomed to eating horse flesh.

TWO PRISONERS MADE ESCAPE

Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.—D. McDonald and Gordon Jenner, the two prisoners who escaped from Fort Saskatchewan jail Saturday afternoon before last, are still at large, according to the latest reports from the provincial police.

The men had been employed in the kitchen of the jail under guard for some time. On that particular Saturday they were successful in overpowering the guard, gagged him with a towel, locked him in the ice box and were an hour on their way before their vacant places were discovered. Immediately upon their hurried leave taking being discovered a pursuit was started by the available force of the provincial police at the Fort, but up till noon Monday no trace of the escapers had been found.

D. McDonald was serving a term of twelve months, being convicted of theft, and had served about two months of that time. He is described as a man of 25 years of age, ruddy complexion, clean shaven, medium nose, weight 148 lbs., brown hair, narrow chin and height 5 feet 8¼ inches.

Gordon Jenner, who had served two months on a one-year sentence on the charge of false pretences and forgery, is described as a man of 27 years of age, rosy complexion, smooth face, medium nose, weight 160 lbs., brown hair, gray eyes, square chin and height 5 feet 8 in.

Both men are supposed to be travelling together and to have headed north. The provincial police have every available man on the chase and are confident of effecting a capture before many days.

BADLY INJURED WHEN FREIGHT STRIKES SLEIGH

Innisfree, Alta. — Alexander McDonald, who lives twenty miles north of Innisfree, had a narrow escape from death last week. He is now at the Royal Alexandra hospital suffering from serious injuries, but his recovery is expected. He had brought a load of hogs to Innisfree and was leaving on return home. While crossing the railway track his rig was struck by the incoming freight train, which was hidden by an elevator and a string of empty cars. The engine struck the sleigh fair in the middle, lifting it on the cow-catcher and carrying it some distance. Mr. McDonald had one leg cut off beneath the knee and the other foot partly cut off, one arm broken and his head badly bruised. He was taken on a stretcher to the hospital, where the influenza nurses administered first aid. Dr. Brand was in the country and did not return for some time. The patient was later removed to Edmonton on the morning train.

One of the horses, which was badly hurt, had one leg broken and was shot by the police. The other, which broke away, was uninjured.

ALBERTA MEN'S PORTRAITS HUNG IN CHICAGO CLUB

Portraits of Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture for Alberta, and Dr. J. G. Rutherford, were presented to the Saddle and Sirloin club at Chicago recently. Professor Curtis, of Iowa, in presenting the Marshall picture, eulogized Mr. Marshall's efforts to promote the live stock industry in Canada and for the service he had rendered the International Live Stock exposition. Mr. Marshall, presenting Dr. Rutherford's picture, congratulated Canada's live stock producers on the recent appointment of Dr. Rutherford as a member of the Canadian railway commission, saying that it was the first time that they had had in that body a member who had even a remote idea of the value or the perishable nature of a train of cattle.

Dr. Rutherford responded briefly.

BAD MAN'S DEATH

Lethbridge. — Louis Evangelist, a notorious character of the Retlaw district, was found dead in his shack near Retlaw on Christmas day by neighbors. He had evidently been dead three days having succumbed to heart disease. He had a police record, having been implicated in a stabbing affray some years ago. During his trial he sent Black Hand letters to the jury.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

FINDLAY TO EXPOSE "RING"

Vancouver, B.C. — Walter C. Findlay, former commissioner under the "Prohibition Act" in British Columbia, is back in Vancouver. He will be the principal witness at the enquiry before Mr. Justice Clement into the operation of the alleged whiskey ring. He may possibly be called as the first witness when the investigation opens.

Findlay, it is understood, has agreed to lay bare everything on a promise of immunity from further prosecution. He will tell the whole story, according to a report from Victoria.

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MOVIE THEATRES MUST RAISE PAY

Winnipeg.—After a four hours' consultation an agreement was reached between the proprietors of the moving picture theatres and their employees. The terms agreed upon include: Recognition of the eight-hour day; 75 cents per hour for relief or overtime and all Sunday work double time. The average increase in wages will be about 17½ per cent. The first-class houses pay their chief operator under the new scale $35 per week, the others lower down to $25. The second-class houses range from $30 to $25 and the smaller theatres from $27.50 down to $24 per week.

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